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FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR.

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SUBJECT: WHITE PAPER ON DRUG ABUSE

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1. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU AND THE SENIOR ADVISER FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS THAT MY STAFF AND I ARE ALERT TO OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE U.S. OBJECTIVES ON NARCOTICS CONTROL MATTERS. WE WILL ALSO ASSURE THAT NARCOTICS CONTROL IS INCLUDED IN ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR FUTURE YEARS.

2. DRUG ABUSE IN IRELAND HAS ONLY RECENTLY BECOME A SUBJECT OF PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL CONCERN. IN COMMON WITH OTHER PROBLEMS OF HIGHLY DEVELOPED WESTERN SOCIETIES, DRUG ABUSE HAS COME LATE TO THIS ISLAND AND MOST OF THE PROBLEMS CENTER ON MISUSE OF HASHISH AND AMPHETAMINES. THE RECENT SEIZURE OF A SHIPMENT OF COCAINE (PROBABLY NOT DESTINED FOR THE IRISH MARKET) HAS, HOWEVER, FOCUSED ATTENTION ON THE POTENTIAL OF IRELAND AS A WAYSTATION ON THE FLOW ROUTES FOR ILLICIT NARCOTICS.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION THE EMBASSY'S NARCOTICS CONTROL
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OFFICER HAS ESTABLISHED EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONS WITH

THE SMALL IRISH POLICE NARCOTICS SQUAD. THESE CONNECTIONS HAVE BEEN FURTHER CEMENTED BY THE VISIT RECENTLY OF DEA'S REPRESENTATIVE IN LONDON WHO SPENT SEVERAL DAYS HERE IN CONSULTATION WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS.

4. THE IRISH PARLIAMENT IS SCHEDULED TO PASS A NEW DRUG ABUSE LAW THIS SESSION, WHICH WILL UPDATE THE OLD LAWS AND MAKE CONTROL EASIER FOR THE POLICE. ALSO, DUE TO MY URGING, THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THE IRISH WILL RATIFY THE THREE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONVENTIONS DURING THIS SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.
CURLEY

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